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## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

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1. ☒ Specification Total Pages 27  
2. ☒ Drawing(s) (35USC 113) Total Pages 9  
3. ☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney Total Pages 4  
a. ☒ Unexecuted(original or copy)  
b. ☐ Copy from prior application (37CFR 1.63(d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 14

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[Note Box 4 Below]

- i. ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**

Signed statement attached deleting  
Inventor(s) named in the prior  
application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

- ☐ Incorporation By Reference (usable if Box 3b is checked)  
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which

copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 3b,  
is considered as being part of the disclosure of the  
accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by  
reference therein.

5. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & documentation)  
6. ☒ Letter under 37 CFR 1.41(c).  
7. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)  
8. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations  
9. ☒ Preliminary Amendment  
10. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
(Should be specifically itemized)  
11. ☐ Small Entity ☐ Statement filed in prior Application,  
Statement(s) Status still proper and desired  
12. ☒ Certified copy of Japanese priority applications Nos.  
P11-318434 filed November 9, 1999

14. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information:

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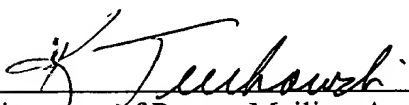
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